

# Training Outline

## Day 1 – July 18th 2015

1. Ceremony – Turtle Lodge
2. Introductions (all)
3. Welcome (Marg/Pat)
4. Welcome from Elders' Council (Jackie on behalf of Shirley)
  - a. Elders' Council Vision, principles
  - b. Goals of Guardian program
5. Welcome from Ecotrust Canada
  - a. Role, and what is the Conservation Economy?
6. NSRCF Vision & Strategic Objectives (Vanessa)
7. 2015 Pilot Program – how did we get here?

## Day 2 – July 19th 2015

1. Ceremony – Turtle Lodge
2. Why Birch? Presentation of feasibility study
  - a. Presentation of relationships between Guardians, NSRCF, and Elders' Council
  - b. Who are Chiefs of the Nations
  - c. Roles and responsibilities between groups
3. Activity: 5 things we have in common
4. Mapping & GPS – intro (presentation by Chas)
5. Activity: lost in the forest, what 5 items would you want to have?
6. Discussion – essential supplies to have in the field
  - a. Any medication you're on; matches/candles; energy bars/food/trail mix; light (flashlight); tools/socket wrench; tobacco; tent/tarp; satellite phone/SPOT; blanket; saw; water; GPS; knife/axe; bear bangers/gun; flares; first aid kit.
  - b. Some discussion about PPE – eye glasses/goggles; hard hats; steel toed boots
7. Other programs – video of Coastal Guardian Watchmen
8. NSRCF video (2012 workshop)
9. Wildlife – encounters and avoidance
  - a. Best advice – make lots of noise to let wildlife know you are in area, don't be threatening or disturb when eating
  - b. Almost everyone had seen bear. If you see one – make yourself big; make noise
  - c. Potentially in CCGP: bear; moose; birds; beaver; lynx; fox; coyote; wolf; bobcat; wolverine
10. Plant ID – what are plants to look for?
11. Field activity – walk in the woods and talk about different plants and trees

### Day 3 – July 20th 2015

1. Ceremony – Turtle Lodge
2. Chapleau Crown Game Preserve – ‘personality’ from MNRF (presentation of key features)
3. Tree identification (presentation)
  - a. Common terms & their definition
  - b. Key features
4. Activity – tree ID. How to identify different species?
5. Presentation by MNFR – Christine Reid
  - a. Safety in the bush – what gear to bring
  - b. Common tree species in Chapleau region
  - c. Walk and tree ID
6. Elders’ Relationship Pledge – Part I

### Day 4 – July 21, 2015

1. Ceremony – Turtle Lodge
2. Elders’ Relationship Pledge – part II (at Turtle Lodge)
3. Roger Wesley
  - a. Introduction and background
  - b. Experience of Constance Lake First Nation – logging operations, forestry, forest management and engagement (Mammamattawa Inc, Amik Logging Limited Partnership)
4. Tools of the trade – using GPS, compass, and diameter tape
5. Activity: in groups, find a tree, record latitude and longitude, make waypoint, take bearing and diameter, and identify species. Repeat with different trees until all members of group have had chance to use compass, GPS, and measuring tape.
6. Guardian Program – what does it mean?
7. Vision Board for Guardian program
8. Partnerships

### Day 5 – July 22, 2015

1. Ceremony – Turtle Lodge
2. Logistics: looking at large and small scale maps of potential birch stands
  - a. Discussion of schedules, who is available when, vehicles, time tracking
  - b. How to use map scales to determine distance
  - c. Gear requirements
  - d. What to do if you get lost
3. Video: making birch syrup in Thunder Bay
4. Tools con’t – diameter tape, GPS, types of data to collect
5. Activity: find trees, use track function
6. Scenarios
7. Logistics con’t
8. Closing: aspirations and learnings
9. Closing prayer